

# THEODORE ROOSEVELT WORLD'S PEACEMAKER

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Joseph Duckin Bishop, for 20 years a personal friend of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, and who five years before the former president's death, was commissioned by him "to write the history of the period which covered his public career," presents in the September issue of Scribner's Magazine, the first of a series of papers which gives for the first time interesting insights on the life of the famous American.

The paper, entitled Roosevelt—Peacemaker, selected and arranged from the former president's public and private correspondence, amounting to more than 150,000 letters, deals with Mr. Roosevelt's efforts to end the war between Russia and Japan and which resulted in the Portsmouth Peace Conference of 1905.

For the first time, apparently, is revealed the fact that Japan made the initial overtures for peace. Four days after the great Japanese naval victory over Russia's fleet in the Sea of Japan on May 27, 1905, the minister of foreign affairs of Japan, the letters show, cabled Minister Takahira in Washington, to invoke Roosevelt's aid as a mediator.

"I was amused," wrote the president, "the way in which they asked me to invite the two belligerents together directly on my own motion and initiative. It reminded me of the request for contributions sent by campaign committees to office holders, wherein they were asked to make a 'voluntary contribution of ten per cent' of their salary. It showed a certain naivete on the part of the Japanese."

According to his biographer, every step in the negotiations extending over a period of three months, was taken by Mr. Roosevelt without the aid of any of his most trusted counselors. John Hay, his secretary of state, being critically ill. Secretary Hay having resigned from the cabinet many months earlier and Secretary Taft being absent in the Philippines.

"One reads the thick volumes of his correspondence with amazement bordering on incredulity," writes Mr. Bishop. "It is incredible that one man could do so much and so well. In no other task of his life was the abnormal energy, mental and physical, of Theodore Roosevelt put to a severer test and from none did he emerge more triumphantly. His activity was as tireless as his resourcefulness was inexhaustible."

The president's activity was directed, he said, to "not only steadily and insistently forcing the warring nations into a conference . . . but bringing other nations into the support of his efforts. If Russia balked and showed signs of refusal,

he persuaded the kaiser to bring pressure upon the czar in the interest of peace. If Japan showed similar signs, England was appealed to to bring pressure upon her. In the end Germany alone really helped, and Roosevelt gave unstinted praise to the kaiser ever afterward for what he did then."

In all of his correspondence the Colonel wrote "without restraint or reservation." In a confidential letter to Secretary Hay he referred to the kaiser as a monomaniac and "a jumpy creature who has had another fit." In another missive he thus characterizes the former emperor of Russia: "The czar is a preposterous little creature as the absolute autocrat of 150,000,000 people."

Every day, often several times a day, he urged the emperors of Russia and Japan to agree upon terms of peace. Once he wrote a friend: "The more I see of the czar, the kaiser and the mikado, the better I am content with democracy, even if we have to include the American newspapers as one of its assets—liberty would be a better term."

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Miss Annie Beck, a sister of Miss J. Beck, teacher in the Reno South-side school, had a narrow escape from being killed Saturday afternoon by being struck by a Virginia & Truckee train at Holcomb and Moran streets. She sustained the loss of three toes on her left foot, also a scalp wound and slight injury to her right leg. She was attended by Dr. Morrison.

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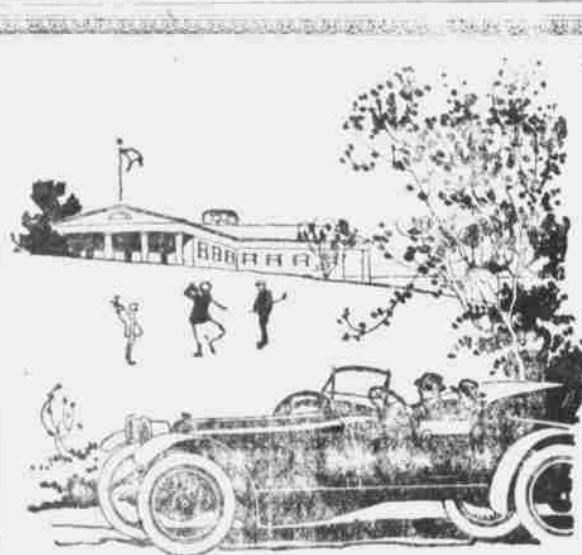
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## DRIFTING OVER ARCTIC OCEAN

(Associated Press)

SEATTLE, Aug. 24. (Round for the North Pole, Roald Amundsen, Norwegian discoverer of the South Pole, is at present drifting in his ice locked schooner, the Maud, some where north of western Siberia according to beliefs held by the Seattle Norwegian vice-consulate and Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Canadian Arctic explorer.

In planning the trip, the explorer said he expected, after reaching the pole to return either to Grant Land, west of Greenland or Melville Island, which lies in the Arctic ocean north of Canada. Should he reach Melville Island he probably would journey by sea to Nome, Alaska or overland to Dawson, Yukon Territory.

Two airplanes, it is believed, formed part of the Maud's equipment when she left Norway last fall and sailed through the White Sea bound for the ice north. The final dash to the pole may be made in one of the planes. Amundsen, it is believed, may also fly back to civilization in one of his machines.

Nothing has been heard from Amundsen since Sept. 1, 1918, nearly one year ago. At that time the Maud was reported taking oil for her motors at Dixon Island, a White Sea point. After taking the oil she sailed northeast into the rapidly freezing waters of the Arctic ocean.

From White Sea Amundsen expected to drift east with the ice to the New Siberian Islands, which lie in the Arctic off Siberia. At the New Siberian Islands, it was believed, the drift would carry the boat toward, if not across, the pole. Amundsen intended to use the airplanes if he found the drift would not carry him across the "top of the earth."

Amundsen in a degree followed the footsteps of his countryman, Fridtjof Nansen in 1895-96. Nansen is believed to have started on a drift across the pole but left his boat and crew to drift helplessly to the south.

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lost. Under the train drifted as far as the pole. Nansen got the Maud out of the ice and the apparatus for the receiving in the Arctic. Amundsen said he would not attempt the receiving apparatus because he did not want to be worried by a crew from the outside world.

**TOO MUCH BIBLE AND  
PASTORS IN THE MOVIES**

(Associated Press)

PARTS July 25.—From anti-clericalism appear to be taking alarm at the frequent appearance of bibles and pastors in American moving pictures. M. A. Auld, the historian, in a recent description of the far west (film) says comedy has been seen of the continental bandits, and ap-

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